

## Letters From the People

## A Weak Reason.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

SIR: The statement attributed to Mr. Oakes, President of the Board of Education, at the meeting on Friday night of last week, when the annexation project was sprung, has occasioned more genuine surprise than the annexation bill itself. Mr. Oakes is quoted as saying that one reason why the town should be annexed to Newark was the increasing cost of the schools.

For upwards of a score of years or more Thomas Oakes and Wm. A. Baldwin have been the recognized controlling influences in the Board of Education and the utmost confidence has been reposed in them, and whatever course they have advocated in regard to building, tearing down and rebuilding school houses has been adopted despite the fact that it was patent to all that the adoption of the recommendation covered with it increased cost of maintenance. Several new features of school work in the educational line have been adopted in recent years that have materially added to the cost of the schools, and Mr. Oakes has sanctioned these additions.

It is true that the cost of maintaining the schools has increased annually and will continue to increase as the town grows. The same is true of Belleville, Nutley, Verona and Caldwell and every other place in this county. The only difference between the places mentioned and Bloomfield is that in those places Boards of Education have not permitted the cost of schools to increase out of all proportion to other public expenditures, such as has come about in this town, and partly sanctioned by the people in voting bonds for buildings in accordance with the recommendations of Mr. Oakes, and also in the adoption of so many new features of educational work which the Board of Education could have negated.

Bloomfield is now equipped with a splendid school system and its cost of maintenance figures prominently in the tax rate. But the people have not complained grievously of this cost, but on the contrary have felt a just pride in the schools and have believed that they were getting a full and ample return for every dollar of tax paid for schools.

It is rather humiliating to Bloomfielders to be advised to vote for annexation to Newark because of the increasing cost of the maintenance of public schools. The increasing cost is due to the maintenance of a superior school system, and it is creditable to the citizens that they have all along been in accord with the maintenance of a superior system.

But Mr. Oakes to the contrary notwithstanding, the Bloomfield school system is economically conducted now as to the per capita cost.

The per capita cost, average, for all cities in the United States is \$34.

The per capita cost last year in Glen Ridge was \$30.

The per capita cost in Bloomfield, 1896-7, was \$28; 1902-3, \$26; 1903-4, \$26.

In any comparison of the cost of the schools at the present time with that of past years the large increase in the enrollment must be given consideration.

These figures show the increase:

| Year | Population | Expenditure |
|------|------------|-------------|
| 1896 | 1,161      | \$39,397.33 |
| 1902 | 1,477      | \$41,361.50 |
| 1903 | 2,289      | \$47,467.85 |
| 1904 | 2,431      | \$50,318.63 |

The total expenditures for the schools, not including bonds and interest in the same year, was as follows:

| Year | State       | Local    |
|------|-------------|----------|
| 1896 | \$11,741.47 | \$16,000 |
| 1902 | 16,343.39   | 27,000   |
| 1903 | 17,979.08   | 27,000   |
| 1904 | 19,540.19   | 27,000   |

The appropriations for school purposes from 1893 to 1901 inclusive, and including bonds and interest, were as follows:

| Year | State       | Local    |
|------|-------------|----------|
| 1893 | \$11,741.47 | \$16,000 |
| 1901 | \$11,741.47 | \$16,000 |

In the appropriations from 1902 to 1904 bonds and interest are excluded:

| Year | State       | Local    |
|------|-------------|----------|
| 1902 | \$11,741.47 | \$16,000 |
| 1903 | \$11,741.47 | \$16,000 |
| 1904 | \$11,741.47 | \$16,000 |

State and local to the average salary paid to teachers show as follows:

| Year | Number of Teachers | Average Salary |
|------|--------------------|----------------|
| 1896 | 45                 | \$551          |
| 1902 | 44                 | \$551          |
| 1903 | 52                 | \$551          |
| 1904 | 62                 | \$551          |

In 1903 the amount of school bonds outstanding was \$145,000 and the annual interest charge \$5,800. In 1905 the number of children enrolled in the Centre School was 416; in 1903 the enrollment in that school had increased to 579.

By an expenditure of \$34,000 at 4 per cent. interest the per capita was reduced, while the children were given good light, good air, good desks and grammar grade instruction. There was no grammar grade in Centre School until it was rebuilt. The same number of teachers was employed in 1905 as in 1903. The building was an economical proposition, because the number of children per teacher was raised 50 per cent., from twenty-seven to forty-one, by substituting large rooms for small ones.

The salaries of Bloomfield teachers are so low that the schools lose annually more than half of the class-room instructors; last year thirty left out of fifty class teachers. Bloomfield grade teachers' salaries average \$100 less annually than Newark, Orange, East Orange, South Orange and Montclair. There are now only ten teachers here who were here in 1897.

## Beware of the Dog.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

SIR: Last fall Rev. Henry B. Rose, pastor of the Church of the Redeemer, Newark, took the city as a topic for a pulpit discourse. Here is the picture the clergyman drew of his own city, and the place to which some citizens of this town desire to be annexed:

"Dirty politics," said Mr. Rose, "are politics that throw dirt at clean men; politics that are working for their own pockets all the time; politics that run the errands for the unscrupulous corporations; politics that obey the commands of the conscienceless bosses. Such politics are perilous to a nation. They are cancerous. Once let their poison enter deeply into the body politic and it will decay, agonize, and die."

"Take Newark. Tell me, candidly, is it up to cities as big, as well-to-do and as highly privileged? Can it hold a candle in the way of progressiveness to Detroit, Buffalo, Minneapolis, Cleveland, Toledo or Boston? Look at our streets—dirty. Look at our system of mixing our ashes and garbage—filthy, disease-producing. Why does the Board of Health tolerate such an abominable and autodialyrian system? Look at our river—breathin' germs of smallpox and diphtheria into the lungs of our people with every wave of mist that rolls in from its polluted waters. Look at our school facilities—six hundred children being taught in hired halls because we have not buildings enough; children attending but one session; children who cannot go to all, for lack of accommodations. Examine the sanitary conditions of some of our schools, and then you will wonder no longer that our children are diseased. Take our method of building new houses—we have no ordinance against wooden buildings, and, worse still, we allow land-owners to build so close that they disfigure the streets. Look at our police department—it cannot shut up a dive and keep it shut; it cannot close out these shameless concert halls; we cannot even weed out the debauching penny-in-the-slot machine."

"But worst of all, dirty politics make a debauching city. Vice is smallpox. It catches. The daughters of our best homes are not safe; the sons of our most fashionable streets are in danger; the heads of our most respected houses are in peril. So, too, where there is a low political tone, it lowers the ideals of all who enter politics. Should we have such a horrible state of affairs as our wretched isolation hospital if the politicians of our city were not of such a low calibre? Think of sending our dear little children and our women and men of refinement to such a pest-house to roll and toss in the agonies of one of the most maddening diseases; to a pest-house that is not fit for hogs, and all because our officials have not done their sworn duty, have not had the true welfare of this people at heart."

"I tell you, fellow-citizens, you cannot have dirty politics and a satisfactory city at one and the same time. What is the remedy? First, a new civic desire. We must wake up here in Newark and demand good government. Good government empties the jails, the hospitals, the asylums, the courts. It lowers the tax rate. It makes business better. It invites to the city a higher grade of citizens."

"Second, we must have a new order of politicians. Give us politicians whose only life is to the voters belong the rights. To the victors belong the spoils. Give us politicians like Lincoln and McKinley, like Low and Jerome and Roosevelt. Let us educate our best young men to go into politics, and make it an honorable and honored profession."

The above is one of the strongest arguments I ever read against the wicked city of Newark, and those who are advocating annexation to that city should not fail to read it. How any professed Christian can advocate such a scheme, after reading the above graphic description of the corruption prevailing in Newark, is past my understanding. For one, I am content to remain in Bloomfield.

The place to see the new west and choicest things in cut glass for Easter gifts is at the glass store of C. Durlinger & Sons, 3 and 5 West 19th Street, near Fifth Avenue, New York. Advt.

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## Spring Humors

Come to most people and cause many troubles, pimples, boils and other eruptions, besides loss of appetite, that tired feeling, fits of biliousness, indigestion and headache.

The sooner one gets rid of them the better, and the way to get rid of them and to build up the system that has suffered from them is to take

## Hood's Sarsaparilla and Pills

Forming in combination the Spring Medicine par excellence, of unequalled strength in purifying the blood as shown by unequalled, radical and permanent cures of

Scrofula Salt Rheum  
Scald Head Boils, Pimples  
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Blood Poisoning Rheumatism  
Catarrh Dyspepsia, Etc.

Accept no substitute, but be sure to get Hood's, and get it today.

Complains of Chickens.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

SIR: Some months ago, perhaps a year, a pamphlet from the "Town Improvement Society," or the "Village Improvement Association," or some such named organization was distributed through this town advocating a great many ways of making one's premises more attractive to the public, such as the abolition of the practice of letting chickens run loose, the cleaning up of yards, taking away rubbish heaps and stopping the practice of throwing ashes and waste water around the kitchen door, etc. These suggestions seemed then, and still more at this time, to be laudable and worthy of large observation.

The "society," however, seemed to exhaust itself in that one effort so far as any further results from it appear, and without knowledge as to whether it is defunct or not, this communication is for the purpose of reviving the question of the usefulness of such efforts, and to ask if they cannot be continued, with something specially urgent towards offenders in these particulars attached to the pamphlet when sent out; as, for instance: "Read, mark, learn and inwardly digest," or "When this you see, remember to follow the within suggestions," or "Please comply with the within hints," etc.

There is a flagrant case of opposition to the society's objects upon a prominent and centrally located corner—a large yard with wood pile, small chicken houses and outbuilding; chickens running loose and trespassing on neighbor's lawns and soiling walks and scratching tracks and shrubbery, all in a manner calculated to cause the owner of such an ill-conducted "ranch." Is it not illegal, anyway, to keep chickens in a thickly settled neighborhood? If it is not, it surely ought to be.

Hoping that this will wake up the afore-said "society," or "association," or whatever it may call itself, to more intense efforts in the direction of its aims, I am respectfully,

ONE OF THE SUFFERERS,  
Bloomfield, N. J., March 15, 1904.

Patents Issued.

Patents issued to Jerseyman and reported for the CITIZEN by Drake & Co., solicitors of patents, corner Broad and Market streets, Newark, N. J.:  
Eugene C. P. Chandler, Orange; bedclothes holder, H. Crocker, Plainfield; battery (four patents), Thos. A. Edison, Orange; typewriting machine, C. G. Gallagher, Glen Ridge; tailor's measure, S. M. Griffin, Summit; Meyer, Jersey City, and D. P. Geritz, Englewood; combination bridge and tail piece, E. Rosch, Jersey City; easel, J. Weber, Newark. Designs—Children's underwaists, H. and W. Co., Newark.

Telephone Changes.

The New York and New Jersey Telephone Company reports the following telephone changes: 1391, F. T. Champ, 1-7 Broad street; 120-3, B. F. Wetherby, 165 Franklin street; 152-4, F. G. E. Mohrmann, 75 Newark avenue.

## TAX SALE.

## Public Sale of Real Estate.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a warrant issued by the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex, and State of New Jersey, bearing date of the 4th day of January, 1904, to make the unpaid taxes assessed upon lands, tenements, hereditaments and real estate in said town in the year 1903, the subscriber, Collector of Taxes for said Town of Bloomfield, will on

Tuesday, the 26th day of April, 1904,

at the hour of 3 p. m., at his office in the National Bank Building, in said town, sell the lands, tenements, hereditaments and real estate hereunder described, at public vendue, for which any person or persons will agree to take the same and pay such taxes, with the interest thereon, from the twentieth day of December, A. D. One Thousand Nine Hundred and Two, together with all costs, fees, charges and expenses.

P. No. 1 4 Walter P. Lindsey, McKinley and Llewellyn avenues, 190 ft. lot, 10 15

1 9 J. G. Wright, Carteret street, 90 ft. lot, 4 35

1 19 Eneline Adams, Ashland and Macdonald avenues, 400 ft. lot, 62 35

1 30 Eneline Adams, Ashland avenue, 100 ft. lot, 10 15

1 21 Eneline Adams, Ashland avenue, house and lot 20 ft. lot, 79 30

1 24 Eneline Adams, Clinton street, lot 20 ft. lot, 10 15

1 28 Eneline Adams, Clinton street, lot 125 ft. lot, 11 05

1 30 Eneline Adams, Macdonald avenue, lot 30 ft. lot, 5 80

1 23 Eneline Adams, Ashland avenue, lot 15 ft. lot, 17 40

1 25 Eneline Adams, Ashland and Macdonald avenues, lot 250 ft. lot, 34 80

1 27 Robt. McChesney, Morse avenue, lot 50 ft. lot, 2 90

1 30 Walter P. Lindsey, Llewellyn and McKinley avenues, lot 25 ft. lot, 2 18

1 37 Eneline Adams, Macdonald avenue, lot 25 ft. lot, 5 80

1 38 Sanderson and Wright, Glenwood avenue, lot 75 ft. lot, 11 60

1 33 Lawrence E. Blake, Llewellyn and Glenwood avenues, house and lot 25 ft. lot, 39 15

1 34 Walter P. Lindsey, Llewellyn avenue, lot 25 ft. lot, 29 60

1 35-37 Walter P. Lindsey, Llewellyn avenue, lot 25 ft. lot, 8 70

1 4 J. Bayard Kirkpatrick, Llewellyn avenue, lot 25 ft. lot, 1 45

1 9 Walter P. Lindsey, Llewellyn avenue, house and lot 25 ft. lot, 29 00

1 6 Wm. B. Stagg, rear Dodd street, adjoining E. P. Ward, 25x150 ft. lot, 1 45

1 17 Augustus A. Lawrence, rear Dodd street, adjoining Stagg, 75x150 ft. lot, 2 90

1 18 Estate Ann Griffith, rear Dodd street, adjoining Lawrence, 50x150 ft. lot, 7 30

1 30 Hannah Claven, Westcott street, lot 30 ft. lot, 5 80

1 30 Ann T. Dodd, Prospect street, lot 30 ft. lot, 5 80

1 4 J. Bayard Kirkpatrick, Westcott street, lot 30 ft. lot, 2 90

1 8 John Macdonald, Willow street, lot 30 ft. lot, 30 30

1 8 Mrs. Jas. Foster, Willow street, house and lot 30 ft. lot, 30 30

1 8 Shure & Co., Willow street, lot 140 ft. lot, 24 60

1 7 William B. Conroy, Orange street, 2 houses and lot 30 ft. lot, 36 35

1 9 John Hyde, Myrtle street, lot 30 ft. lot, 8 70

1 3 Joseph Smith, Willow street, house and lot 30 ft. lot, 18 85

1 23 Ann Griffith, rear Dodd street, lot 30 ft. lot, 7 30

1 11 John Hyde, Orange street, 2 houses and lot 30 ft. lot, 96 00

1 14 Estate Thos. K. Archer, Watsoning avenue, house and lot 30 ft. lot, 72 50

1 36 Estate Mrs. Peter Henn, Charles and Cross streets, house and lot 30 ft. lot, 30 30

1 1 John Batzle, Charles street, lot 161 ft. lot, 18 85

1 10 G. L. Jones, Elm street, house and lot 30 ft. lot, 15 95

1 1 Estate Wm. McKinley, Peloubet street, house and lot 30 ft. lot, 14 50

1 6 G. H. and S. H. Wilde, Myrtle street, lot 20 ft. lot, 306 80

1 20-30 Geo. H. Wilde, Hinchins place, 62x88 ft. lot, 5 80

1 2 J. Bayard Kirkpatrick, Bloomfield avenue and railroad, 92x100 ft. lot, 5 80

1 15 Elizabeth Kirk, Brookside place, house and lot 30 ft. lot, 18 85

1 19 Mary A. Rinker, Brookside place, house and lot 30 ft. lot, 23 30

1 22 Estate Wm. McKinley, Brookside place, house and lot 30 ft. lot, 4 35

1 24 John Whalen, Brookside place, lot 150 ft. lot, 4 35

1 29 Anna Bush Mac Lear, Brookside place, house and lot 30 ft. lot, 35 10

1 11 Wm. McConchie, Brookside place, house and lot 30 ft. lot, 28 55

1 2 G. Yamnitz, Edmont street, 25 ft. lot, 4 35

1 22 Frank Garuso, Edmont avenue, 25 ft. lot, 4 35

1 21 Grandison Fields, Thomas street, 25 ft. lot, 4 35

1 6 Geo. W. Gray, Berkeley avenue, lot 60 ft. lot, 63 80

1 9 Wm. H. Miller, Berkeley avenue, house and lot 100 ft. lot, 37 70

1 12 Victor Constant, Berkeley avenue and W. Parkway, lot 192x284 ft. lot, 45 50

1 13 Victor Constant, Berkeley avenue and W. Parkway, lot 212x352 ft. lot, 72 50

1 14 Victor Constant, Berkeley avenue and W. Parkway, lot 212x352 ft. lot, 81 30

1 21 John R. Harlin, Watsoning avenue, house and lot 30 ft. lot, 80 00

1 24 John R. Harlin, Watsoning avenue, house and lot 30 ft. lot, 69 00

1 25 Geo. W. Gray, Watsoning avenue, lot 300 ft. lot, 23 30

1 25 Isaac M. Williams, W. and E. Parkway, lot 280x75 ft. lot, 8 70

1 25 Isaac M. Williams, W. and E. Parkway, lot 280x75 ft. lot, 1 45

1 25 Isaac M. Williams, W. and E. Parkway, lot 280x75 ft. lot, 1 45

1 25 Jerome Seaver, W. and E. Parkway, lot 280x75 ft. lot, 29 00

1 30 Victor Constant, Florence avenue and E. Parkway, lot 492x284 ft. lot, 60 90

1 1 Jerome Seaver, Fountain avenue, lot 65x110 ft. lot, 5 80

1 2 Jerome Seaver, E. Parkway and Florence avenue, lot 500x300 ft. lot, 78 90

1 3 John C. Williams, Lexington and Florence avenues, lot 400x300 ft. lot, 78 90

1 34 Margaret Dodge, Lexington and Florence avenues, lot 500x300 ft. lot, 90 90

1 5 Geo. W. Gray, Lexington and Florence avenues, lot 500x300 ft. lot, 78 90

1 10 Catherine Raynor, Grace street, lot 25 ft. lot, 135 50

1 6 Ann R. Richards, Willard place, lot 130 ft. lot, 4 35

1 19 Greenville S. Nicks, Franklin street, lot 280x75 ft. lot, 37 70

1 20 Emma Hagedorn, Franklin street, lot 150 ft. lot, 182 40

1 34 Howard Nelson, Berkeley avenue, lot 30 ft. lot, 174 00

1 11 Anna R. Richards, Willard place, 1250 ft. lot, 4 35

1 14 Anna Farrand, Hill street, house and lot 30 ft. lot, 4 35

1 16 E. R. Carthill, Bloomfield avenue and Hill street, house and lot 30 ft. lot, 66 80

1 5 Estate Michael Maher, Hill street, house and lot 128 ft. lot, 21 75

1 9 Estate Peter Higgins, Orange street, 50 ft. lot, 19 15

1 10 John Flinerty, Orange street, house and lot 50 ft. lot, 30 80

1 24 Estate Patrick Dailly, Orange street, house and lot 50 ft. lot, 30 80

1 24 Michael Dodd, Lake street and E. Macdonald avenue, lot 50 ft. lot, 9 70

4 Frank L. O'Brien, Lake street, house and lot 30 ft. lot, 14 30

5 Frank L. O'Brien, Lake street, house and lot 30 ft. lot, 36 10

19 Unknown, rear Lake street and railroad, 25-10 acres, 35 85

29 Hilbert Bros., Bloomfield avenue, lot 30 ft. lot, 5 80

18 Harriet Bale, Orange street, house and lot 150 ft. lot, 69 70

25 Grace Huyler, Race street, house and lot 40 ft. lot, 42 00

5 Estate Bryan Conlan, Thomas street, 3 houses and lots 75 ft. lot, 30 30

10 Emily A. Condit, Macdonald avenue and Thomas street, lot 104 ft. lot, 14 50

13 Estate J. H. Eveland, Thomas street, lot 30 ft. lot, 5 80

3 J. T. Bathgate, Linden avenue, lot 75 ft. lot, 14 50

35 J. Milton Unangst, Henry street, house and lot 65 ft. lot, 40 60

6 Hilbert Bros., Washington and Thomas streets, house and lot 100x140 ft. lot, 72 90

11 Jennie Lockwood, Henry street, house and lot 60 ft. lot, 35 80

21 Mrs. Bryan Conlan, Thomas and Second streets, house and lot 50 ft. lot, 8 70

22 N. B. Adams, Thomas street and Linden avenue, 4 houses and lots 100 ft